

# Call for Programming Proposals: *The Gathering 2024*

*Growing and Harvesting Collective Action*

*Proposals due August 12, 2024*



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## Summary

Be a part of *The Gathering 2024* - submit a proposal for programming!

***Growing and Harvesting Collective Action: The Gathering 2024*** is an incredible opportunity to collaborate with community builders to connect, learn, and take action. In its 22nd year, The Gathering is where Manitoba's community builders connect, learn, and celebrate success through a diverse range of programming. Happening in-person, on October 25, 2024, **The Gathering will be a fun and engaging day that will focus on exploring collective action for Community Economic Development.**

We are looking for proposals for programming for this year's Gathering workshops, panels, and presentations, for facilitating connecting opportunities between participants, and for fun & engaging ways for the community to connect.

Get creative and share your ideas with us! Don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to brainstorm further. Proposals are being accepted until **August 12, 2024**. Find information on the event, theme, format, and more below.



## Theme for The Gathering 2024

Join us for the Gathering 2024 - *Growing & Harvesting Collective Action* - a one-of-a-kind annual event for Manitoba community builders.

Across Manitoba, people like you are working together to strengthen communities and build local economies that benefit everyone. Together, we are taking collective action to create more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable communities.

With our strong sense of collaboration and our deep rooted networks, The Gathering is a day to better connect people and ideas for Collective Action to move forward together.

Join in the learning opportunities of the 22nd edition of the Gathering that will explore collective action for Community Economic Development. Participants will benefit from peer learning, networking, and sharing successes and challenges of community building work.

Together, we'll explore important questions like:

- How do we work across differences to do collective change work?
- How can we work collectively to witness true economic reconciliation?
- How do we better advocate for systemic change and government action?

You don't want to miss the Gathering 2024!

## About The Gathering

The Gathering is an annual pay-what-you-can event where Manitoba's community builders connect, learn, and celebrate success. It is open to all, from staff of community organizations to civil servants, funders, students, academics, or anyone interested in community development and community economic development.

The event objectives include:

- **Networking and Information Sharing**
  - Bring people together to connect and share
  - Foster partnerships and collaboration that are essential for good community work
- **Mentorship and Peer Learning**
  - Learn from each other's work building inclusive communities, fairer local economies, and more sustainable environments
  - Welcome and mentor new and young community builders
  - Celebrate the work to build stronger communities
- **Action and Innovation**
  - Create a space to innovate and try new things
  - Broaden collective understanding of Community Economic Development
- **Agenda Setting**
  - Collectively discuss important questions, challenges, and ideas facing community builders in the year ahead
  - Discuss opportunities for leading social, economic, and environmental change

The Gathering is hosted by the Canadian Community Economic Development Network - Manitoba, with leadership and guidance from a team of community leaders from the Network who form the Gathering Design Team<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The Gathering Design team is responsible for setting the event objectives, goals, and programming, and includes representatives from Assiniboine Credit Union, Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, Clan Mothers Healing Village, RRC Polytechnic, Fort Whyte Farms, Fireweed Food Co-op, Green Action Centre, Portage la Prairie Community Renewal Corporation, Ka Ni Kanichick, Manitoba League of Persons with Disabilities, Manitoba Research Alliance / Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, United Way of Winnipeg,



## Format

The Gathering 2024 will be held in person on October 25, 2024.

The questions guiding this year's Gathering regarding change in community economic development work encompasses a broad range of issues and approaches.

To reflect this, we welcome a diversity of programming ideas and formats including workshops, cultural programming, fun activities, networking ideas, and lunch and in-between session breaks. Proposals should consider the essential questions posed above and how it might interact with your proposed topic.

Proposals are encouraged to include interactive, discussion-based opportunities, and be mindful of clear take-aways and learning objectives for participants.

We will happily work with you on finessing your proposal to meet the event objectives and to deliver an engaging session.

### Programming Suggestions

Here are some suggestions from programming proposals:

- **Storytelling through fireside chats, panels, Q&A, or other formats:** sharing stories of success, challenges, learning and growth, celebrating work and innovation (generally 1 hour in length)
- **Skills and tools through workshops, presentations, or other formats:** teaching others about specific tools, techniques, and resources that will support their community work (generally 1 hour in length)



- **Theory and concepts through interactive discussions, circles, panels, or other formats:** teaching others about core concepts and theories that relate to CED or the work of community-based organizations, including interrogating the questions posed in the event description (generally 1 hour in length)
- **Creative or community building activities:** creative activities to cultivate joy throughout the event, community building or cultural activities, movement-based or mental health-focused activities, or sessions involving music or arts (variable time length)

## Topics of Programming

Programming can be related to one or more of these topics, based on the theme:

- Action, advocacy, community organizing, and activism for change
- Creating healthy and equitable workplaces
- Building fairer local economies
- Care for the environment and sustainability
- Collaboration & working together
- Embracing change
- Economic reconciliation

## Audience and Logistics

The Gathering brings together 300 to 400 attendees. Participants may include front-line or management staff from community organizations, civil servants, funders, students, academics, and others, so participants will have a range of experience and knowledge about the topics presented.

Workshops and other programming are 60-75 minutes in length and can accommodate up to 30-35 people. If you require use of technology (computers, slides, use of video, internet)



please highlight this in the submission form. We try to accommodate all technology requests, however, due to the limited wifi and materials we may not be able to meet your needs.

## Selection Process

The call for session proposals closes on **August 12, 2024**. Applicants will be notified by **September 5, 2024** if their proposal has been accepted.

## How to Submit

Submit your proposal through [this google form](#).

If you are having difficulty with the form, please email [m.funk@ccednet-rcdec.ca](mailto:m.funk@ccednet-rcdec.ca) for a copy via email.

## Contact

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